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AMENDMENT UNDER 87 CFR 1.116 DEPENDENTED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING GROUP 1756

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Ryoji HAGIWARA et al.

Serial No. 10/016,830 : Group Art Unit - 1756

Filed: December 13, 2001 : Examiner - Christopher G.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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